Executives of Public Sector Undertakings made by the Government during the period commencing from the 19th of April, 1991 to the 30th of June, 1991.

(b) to (d) Some complaints have been received. The appointments were, however, made in accordance with the orders of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

(e) Government will take a decision after reviewing all such appointments.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Firing by Pakistan on Indian positions in Poonch Sector

547. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani troops have recently resorted to unprovoked firing on Indian positions in ring contour sector of the border district of poonch as reported in the Indian Express dated 28-7-91;

(b) if so, the details of the casualties on both the sides;

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the Pakistan Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) There have been incidents of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani forces across the Line of Control resulting in some casualties on both the sides. It would not be desirable to disclose further details.

(c) and (d) Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan have been in telephonic contact with each other. The need to prevent escalation in the level of firing and tension along the border has been emphasised by both sides.

Requirement of advance Jet trainer by AIR Force/Navy

548. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Air Force and the Navy have projected a requirement for an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) to bridge the performance gap between the Kiran and modern fighter aircraft like Mirage or Sea Harrier;

(b) whether such an aircraft is within the design capability of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited; and

(c) what plans Government are considering to design and produce the AJT within the country in view of the shortage of foreign exchange resources?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Air Force and the Navy projected the need for an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) for the advanced training of their pilots.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for HAL to develop an Advanced Jet Trainer. The process of examination of all aspects, including the licence production of an AJT in India, is underway to arrive at an acceptable solution, keeping in view the resources availability and in the best interests of the Air Force and our production agencies. It would not be in public interest to disclose further details.

Rising trends in AIR crashes

549. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rising trend in air crashes involving the four armed forces and that it is highest in the world;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details thereof for the last two years;

(d) in what manner the accident rate of the Indian Air Force compare with that of other air forces; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to minimise the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) The number of air crashes has gradually declined

over the last three financial years. 1988-89 to 1990-91. As authentic information about the number of accidents and accident rates of the Armed Forces of other countries is not available, it is not possible to draw any valid comparison of the rate of accidents in the three Armed Forces of India with that in other countries.

(c) Number of military aircraft lost in accidents is as follows:

1988-90	:	34
1990-91	:	26

(e) Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry and follow up action taken on the recommendations of the Court. Action on various recommendations of a high level Committee, which examined all aspects of flight safety, accepted by the Government, has been completed.

550. [*Transferred to 13th Sept.* 1991].

Selection of producers of Doordarshan Programmes

551. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any criteria for the selection of producers of Doordarshan programmes;

(b) if so, the details threof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Selection and assigning of programmes to outside producers is a continuous process. The selection is made after careful examination of the theme, research of the script, professional profile and credentials of the production team and other inputs.

(c) Does not arise.

Forcible taking over of land belonging to the Schedules Castes

522. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the forcible taking over of land belonging to the Scheduled Castes in Ghaziabad by certain mafia gangs; and

(b) if so, the measures Government have taken to restore the same to the rightful owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be placed on the table of the House.

Progress in construction of T.V. tower at Rajasthan

553. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress regarding the construction of R.C.C. T.V. Towers of 300 M height at border district of BARMER and JAISALMER of Rajasthan and at BUNDI;

(b) what is the anticipated cost of each project and how much amount has so far been spent on each project; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The foundation work for the 300 M high TV tower at Jaisalmer and the 150 M high tower at Bundi has been completed and shell in respect of tower at Jaisalmer has been cast upto a height of 4.5 M. The 10 Km. approach road to he site at Barmer has been constructed and the tenders for the construction of 300 M high TV tower received.

(b) and (c) The anticipated Capital cost on the establishment of high power TV transmitter (HPT) projects at Barmer, Bundi and Jaisalmer; the expenditure incurred up to July, 91 on each of these